



WHITESTOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

7 PM

Whitestown Municipal Complex– Public Hall

6210 Veterans Drive

Whitestown, Indiana

Minutes

1. OPENING THE MEETING

- A. Call to Order – **Eric** called the meeting to order at 7:05pm
- B. Roll Call – All present
- C. Pledge of Allegiance

2. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Duke Realty Update – **Craig Anderson** – Anson development update. To date, there has been over \$63M spent on infrastructure on the Anson development. **Craig** talked about the many developments Duke has been involved with in Whitestown over the years, including streets, buildings, and parks. Approximately \$140M in building has been done in the Anson area by Duke and developers Duke sold land in that area to. The Town demographics are improving for retailers. **Craig** said Whitestown has been wonderful to work with and he looks forward to continuing to work with the Town. **Eric** asked **Craig** about the southwest business district, and if that should be considered for something different. **Craig** said they had hoped some of that area would be offices. He said they are open to other uses, but there has been interest in the area by retail, there just has not been enough commitment from them. **Kevin** said to a certain point, there is a balance of things you simply cannot buy online. **Jeff** asked about if the restrictions have prevented some people from coming in to the area. **Craig** said that is the case.
- B. **Dax Norton** – Women's History Month for the female employees of the Town. **Dax** said they are integral to the Town. **Dax** presented all of the women employees of the Town.

- C. Boone EDC Update – **Molly Whitehead** - **Eric** thanked **Molly** for coming in, **Molly** thanked the Council for having her. She said the Town has been very helpful to her. Whitestown had some very good businesses coming in to Town compared to other Boone County communities. For 2017, they are looking for a more targeted approach to the area. They are trying to find businesses that will have salaries which will allow the workers to live here.
- D. WPD Badge Pinning – **Chief Dennis Anderson** –
 PSO **Campbell** – Joined 2/13/17 and is in field training
 PSO **Tibbs** – Joined 2/13/17

Susan m/m to make amendments to agenda, D to be before C under new business, table item F and item Q, Eric 2nd, 5-0 in favor, approved.

3. CLERK-TREASURER REPORT

- A. Town Management Report (2/31/17) I WMU Management Report (2/31/17) **

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS – DPW (Water Monitoring), Planning and Community Development, Parks, Police (2016 Year End, Stats, Drug Stats, Women In Law Enforcement Press Release, Report), Fire **

5. PUBLIC REQUEST TO SPEAK (Topics Not Related to an Agenda Item) – No requests.

6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes – 2/1/2017 Strategic Planning Workshop Meeting Minutes I 2/08/2017 Regular Meeting Minutes **
- B. Claims February 2017 Expenses Town I February 2017 Revenues Town I February 2017 Utility Claims (Water Operating, Wastewater Operating) **
- C. WPD Joint Purchase (BCSD, LPD, WMPD & ZPD) Special Response Team (SRT) Transport Van (Unanimously Approved by the WBMPC) Invoice
Susan m/m to adopt the above, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 in favor, approved.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Public Hearing:** On Proposed Adjustments to Certain Sewer Rates and Charges by the Town of Whitestown – **Brendan Cavanaugh**, questioned the non-metered fees. He was primarily concerned with any chance to get the flat rate adjusted. **Susan** asked if she could get the question in written form as the question jumped around a bit. He thanked the Council for their time. **Dax** said this ordinance does not effect current users. **Eric asked if anyone else would like to speak, seeing none, Clinton m/m to close the public hearing, Susan 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
- B. **Public Hearing:** On Proposed Adjustments to Certain Water Rates and Charges by the Town of Whitestown – **Clinton m/m to close public hearing, Susan 2nd, 5-0 approved.**

- C. Consider an Ordinance Amending the Rates and Charges for the Use of Services Rendered by the Sewage Works System of the Town of Whitestown (**Ordinance 2017-05, Second Read**) – Susan did the 2nd read. Susan m/m to approve, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 adopted.
- D. Consider an Ordinance Amending and Restating the Rates and Charges for the for the Use of and Services Rendered by the Waterworks System of the Town of Whitestown (**Ordinance 2017-06, Second Read**) – Susan did the 2nd read and m/m to adopt, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 adopted.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider an Ordinance Establishing Human Relations Commission and Veterans Committee Funds for Receiving and Dispersing Donations and Grant Monies (**Ordinance 2017-08, First Read**) – Clinton did first read.
- B. Consider an Ordinance Providing for Registration of Electricians, Mechanical Contractors and Plumbers (**Ordinance 2017-09, First Read**) – Clinton did first read. Kevin wondered if we would restrict people working on their own houses, or if people want to help a neighbor while they are working on a personal project. Dax said this started in his office, and this is because Vectren is starting to run gas throughout the town, so it became a safety issue. Dax said that this is for a project that needed permitting and is new electrical, then you would need to pull a permit. Kevin asked if it would prevent him from running the electrical lines in their basement, but then had it inspected. Dave Taylor said Kevin's hypothetical is correct. Jeff asked if we were going to be stricter than the state, Dave said we are not. Dax said this only applies to things which currently require permits. Jeff wanted to see if this was to prevent existing problems or being proactive, and it seems like this is being proactive, which he appreciated.
- C. Consider an Ordinance Adopting an Amended Budget for 2017 (**Ordinance 2017-10, First Read**) 2017 1782 Notice I – Clinton did first read. Susan m/m to suspend rules to have 2nd reading, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 suspended. Clinton did 2nd read, and then m/m to adopt, Susan 2nd, 5-0 adopted.
- D. Consider an Ordinance Approving Transfer of Appropriation (**Ordinance 2017-11**) Dax referred to the budget page 6. Column orange was the budget which was approved. It did not include any LIT. When LIT came into play, the public safety increases would come from LIT. Discussion ensued. Clinton did the first read. Susan m/m to suspend the rules to have a 2nd reading, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 rules are suspended. Clinton did 2nd reading and m/m to adopt, Susan 2nd, 5-0 adopted.

- E. Consider a Resolution Re-Declaring and Extending the Term of an Economic Revitalization Area for Property Tax Abatement (Browning/Duke LLC, Allpoints at Anson) **(Resolution 2017-04)** – Tabled.
- F. Consider an **Ordinance (2017-12)** Amending Ordinance 2016-24, to add additional holidays for the use of fireworks within allocation area – **Clinton did the first read on this ordinance. Steve** said this was a response from the Whitestown Human Relations Commission to add additional holidays, including Diwali and the Chinese New Year.
- G. Consider a Resolution Regarding a Southwest Anson Retail District Development (Realty Link) **(Resolution 2017-05)** – Tabled.
- H. Consider a Resolution Declaring April “Autism Awareness Month” In Whitestown **(Resolution 2017-06)** – **Clinton read the Resolution. Eric m/m to adopt, Clinton 2nd, and Clinton thanked Eric for bringing this before the Council, 5-0 adopted.**
- I. Consider a Resolution (TIF Expansion) **(Resolution 2017-07) RDC Declaratory Resolution I Plan Commission Order I - Clinton read the Resolution. Clinton m/m to approve, Susan 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**
- J. Consider a Resolution Encouraging the Indiana General Assembly to Enact Legislation Providing Immunity for Rescuing an Animal from a Motor Vehicle **(Resolution 2017-08)** – **Susan read the Resolution. Susan** thinks it is important that we be kind to animals, especially since Whitestown will be the home of the Boone County Humane Society. **Susan m/m to adopt, Clinton 2nd, Eric thanked Susan for bringing this before the Council; 5-0 adopted.**
- K. Consider a Resolution Concerning Interest in and Authority to Purchase or Acquire Property **(Big Four Trail Project) (Resolution 2017-09)** - **Nathan** said this will help to complete the Big Four Trail. **Susan did first read and m/m to adopt, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**
- L. Consider a Resolution to Recognize the Month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Whitestown **(Resolution 2017-10)** – **Clinton read the resolution. Eric m/m to adopt, Susan 2nd, thanked Eric for bringing this before the Council. 5-0 adopted.**
- M. Consider a Resolution Re-Declaring and Extending the Term of an Economic Revitalization Area for Property Tax Abatement **(Resolution 2017-11)** – **Dax** asked **Steve** to explain why item F was tabled. **Steve** talked about how it required a public hearing first. **Clinton m/m to adopt, Susan 2nd, 5-0 adopted.**

- N. Consider a Contract for Consulting/Engineering Services (**HWC, Whitestown Thoroughfare Plan Update**) - **Clinton** asked **Dax** if 2009 was the last time the thoroughfare plan was updated. **Dax** said 2009 was the first and 2013 was the second time it was updated. **Clinton m/m to authorize Dax to sign the agreement on behalf of the Town, Susan 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
- O. Consider A Contract with Ramsey Pyrotechnics (**Annual Independence Day Celebration Fireworks**) - **Dax** said our most loved event of the year is our fireworks event, which is paid for by the Town and Parks. **Susan m/m for Dax to execute the contract not to exceed \$20k, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
- P. Consider a Proposal for Website Upgrade from GovOffice – **Kevin** said he was not impressed and he said it seemed like their websites were even more generic than our current website. **Dax** disagreed and talked about how the mega menu is very easy to use. Discussion ensued. **Jeff** wondered what **Tanya's** wish list was for the website. **Tanya** said she thinks the current proposal and company has everything she wanted. She was very happy with it. **Jeff** would like to have our all our departments to look uniform. Discussion ensued. **Kevin** thanked **Dax** and **Tanya** for their answers. **Susan m/m to authorize Dax to execute option B with the options presented and the condition that Steve is able to approve the contract, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
- Q. Consider a letter terminating an interlocal agreement with Boone County for **Albert S. White** – **Steve** said this does not adversely affect the connector project. **Susan m/m for Dax to execute the letter to terminate the interlocal agreement, Clinton 2nd, 5-0 approved.**
10. OTHER BUSINESS – **Nathan** wanted to talk about the Delphi incident, **Dax, Nathan**, and the Chiefs met to talk about putting cameras on the Big Four Trail. They are approx. \$1500 each and they would like to put 8 of them on the trail. Discussion ensued. **Susan** thinks this is great and would love for this to be pursued. **Eric** asked if this was to help for a law enforcement perspective. **Dax** mentioned the Blue Light call boxes. **Susan** and **Eric** thanked **Dax** and **Nathan** for considering this. **Kevin** asked to see if they can make sure the project will be expandable.
- Nathan** talked about Brew Fest, and that Duke Tomato will be performing at the event this year. **Nathan** was hoping we could bring in another band on the Friday before Brew Fest which would be family friendly. The Council thought it was a good idea.

11. TOWN ADMINISTRATION REPORT – Dax said he would like to finalize his goals for 2017. He has been able to get a few items off the list, but hopes to get more done soon. He would like for the Legacy Core plan to improve and start working on it to get it in front of developers. We did not get the grant for the bike/ped plan. We are simply not a needy enough community to get a grant for that project. **Clinton** said the Legacy Core project is something we should be ready for. There could be a mixed partnership project around Traders Point and Eagles Nest. **Dax** talked about the Commons Project. He doesn't think it will be the best use of money, because this property could be worth a lot of money and we might want to sell it and move in a few years. Human Resources – **Dax** said there is a proposal for H.R. videos for the Town to train from. This will help ensure employees are compliant. **Dax** complimented **Johnetta** working with **Sandra** (from Bose) to get this completed.

12. ADJOURN - Clinton m/m to adjourn, Susan 2nd, 5-0 adjourned at 9:10pm.

The minutes from a Regular Town Council meeting on March 8, 2017 are approved on the 12th day of April, 2017 by the following Town Council Members:

Eric Miller, President

Susan Austin

Clinton Bohm

Jeff Wishek

Kevin Russell

Attest:

Matthew Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer